

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: SILICONE-TREATED POWDER, PROCESS OF  
PRODUCTION THEREOF AND COMPOSITION  
CONTAINING THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.